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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was fully steady to firm. Inquiry light to moderate. Trading moderate and centered on fresh for November shipments at 99-101.75 cents delivered. Offerings short to light and held with confidence. The market tone on white meat was steady to fully steady, mostly steady; tom bulk parts steady to fully steady; rib breasts steady to fully steady; and thigh meat steady to firm. Demand in a full range, mostly moderate. Offerings of white meat and tom bulk parts mostly light to adequate, rib breasts and thigh meat light and spotty. Trading light to moderate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

No trading reported. Demand moderate to good on thigh meat, balance light to moderate. Offerings short to instances adequate with most items held with confidence.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 21, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	85-87	85	85.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 22, 2006**

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	85-87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF SEPT 22, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	85.70**	83.00	81.50
CENTRAL REGION	85.83	87.00	78.78
WESTERN REGION	85.70**	85.00	80.20**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	84.90**	84.50	81.00
CENTRAL REGION	84.70**	83.20**	79.06
WESTERN REGION	84.70**	85.00	78.70**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-95
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-89
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	86-91

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	114-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	114-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	114-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	118-125

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of September 25, 2006

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	92.97	423,000
16-24 lbs.	91.46	13,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume: 451,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 16-Sep-2006 (Preliminary)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
North East	776	8	24.75	(A)	776 24.75
South Atlantic	809	57	30.30	(A)	809 30.30
North Central	2,274	25	31.27	(A)	2,274 31.27
South Central	560	-9	17.13	(A)	560 17.13
West	286	2	25.77	(A)	286 25.77
U.S. total	4,705(B)	19	28.01	0	4,705 28.01
To-date					
2006	165,880(B)			177	166,057
To-date					
2005	160,639(B)			153	160,792

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 35,000; for the current year to date 891,000; for last year to date 866,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August	471,730*
September 1 - 16, 2006	208,862*

To date 2006	3,712,840*
To date 2005	3,667,770*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
W/E 16-Sep-2006					
Head	2,026	2,644	35	0	4,705
Avg Wt	17.56	36.06	25.27	0.00	28.01
Last week	1,875	2,066	6	9	3,956
Same wk yr ago	2,030	2,778	25	9	4,842
Avg Wt	16.27	35.16	24.62	31.70	27.18
To-date/2006	70,946	94,043	891	177	166,057
To-date/2005	64,708	95,065	866	153	160,792

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 SEPTEMBER 2006.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was barely steady to fully steady, mostly steady; balance of white meat steady to fully steady. Demand light to good, mostly moderate to good. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to fully adequate mostly adequate, short to adequate on the balance of white meat with destrapped tenderloins the least available. The market tone on tom full-cut wings was steady at best, tom necks steady and tom drums and tom 2-joint wings steady to firm. Demand moderate to good on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings, balance light to moderate. Ground turkey demand moderate to good. Offerings of tom drums and tom 2-joint wings light and spotty and held with confidence, balance short to instances adequate. Trading was active on white meat for domestic shipments and on frozen thigh meat for export, balance slow. For domestic (fresh): wing meat with skin 102, breast trim 137, scapula 145 cents delivered. For export: chopped breast skin 26, frozen thigh trim 47, frozen wing meat with skin 109, frozen scapula 150 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	126.00		126.00	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	155.00		155.00	5
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	118.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		T	41.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	39.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	58.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	52.00	58
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	61.00		61.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	112.67	60
NECKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	20
NECKS, HEN		R	37.00	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	278.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	372.00-380.00		374.50	240
THIGH MEAT		R	86.00	46
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	95.00		95.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	135.00		135.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	143.00	4
TENDERLOINS		R	213.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	288.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	349.00-350.00		349.50	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00-23.00		22.50	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	41.50	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	58.00	80
TAILS		W	32.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	94.00-95.00		94.29	560

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on fresh tom breast meat continued barely steady to instances fully steady, mostly steady; balance of white meat steady to fully steady with fresh white meat strongest. Demand in a full range, mostly moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to instances fully adequate, mostly adequate; destrapped tenderloins short to light, balance of white meat short to adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to firm. Demand moderate to good, best for export. Offerings short to light. Trading moderate on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow. For domestic: breeder drums 37, frozen 12-14 lb. Grade A WOGs 101 delivered November, fresh scapula 142-143 cents delivered. Frozen thigh meat for Russia traded at 105 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	126.00	11	121.74	291
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	130.00		130.00	5	145.11	45
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	118.00		118.00	7	118.00	87
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00		41.00	40	41.09	224
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	46.00		46.00	10	42.00	50
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	39.00	20	39.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	58.00		58.00	40	58.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	61.00	20	60.19	188
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	38.00-40.00		38.48	132	38.89	180
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	278.00		278.00	40	278.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	374.00-380.00		376.58	330	376.86	980
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	94.00-96.00		94.67	90	94.40	150
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	135.00	40	135.33	120
SCAPULA MEAT		W	143.00	4	143.00	4
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	288.00	40	288.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		R	349.50	80	350.38	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	21.00	40	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00-24.00		23.00	105	22.42	345
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	41.50	320	41.20	400
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	58.00	80		
TAILS		W	32.50	80	32.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	40		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	94.29	560	94.10	800

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